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Mr. Michael Lidgard US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 1200 6th Avenue, OW-130 Seattle, WA 98101

RE:

Draft §401 Water Quality Certification for the Draft NPDES Permit No. ID-002659-0 for the Hayden Area Regional Sewer Board

Dear Mr. Lidgard:

The State of Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) received a preliminary draft NPDES permit for the Hayden Area Regional Sewer Board to discharge from their existing wastewater treatment plant on November 15, 2011. After review of the revised draft permit and fact sheet, DEQ submits the enclosed draft §401 water quality certification which includes a narrative description of our antidegradation review for this permit. We have also attached the compliance schedule justification we received from the facility. After the public comment period ends, DEQ will address any comments, review the proposed final permit and issue a final certification decision.

Please direct any questions to June Bergquist at 208.666.4605 or june.bergquist@deq.idaho.gov .

Sincerely,

Daniel Redline

Regional Administrator

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Enclosures (2)

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